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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION: GATT STAFF ASSOCIATION
PROPOSAL RE PENSION PROBLEM

REF: GENEVA 8299

1. REFTEL DESCRIBED THE PARAMETERS OF THE PROBLEM OF PENSIONS DUE TO THE DETERIORATING EXCHANGE RATE.
2. GATT STAFF ASSOCIATION HAS ADOPTED FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:
AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE, PENDING SATISFACTORY REFORM OF THE PENSION SYSTEM, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GATT START A SAVINGS FUND IN SWISS FRANCS, WHICH IS TO BE FUNDED ONE-THIRD BY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS AND TWO-THIRDS BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE ORGANIZATION. THE CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE ASSESSED ON THE STAFF AS A PERCENTAGE OF POST ADJUSTMENT ONLY. THE PERCENTAGE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF PENSION CONTRIBUTION TO NET SALARY.
3. STAFF ASSOCIATION HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW IT WILL PRESENT PROPOSAL TO SECRETARIAT AND TO CONTRACTING PARTIES. IN THE PAST, SECRETARIAT HAS TAKEN NEUTRAL ROLE, PERMITTING STAFF ASSOCIATION TO SPEAK AT COUNCIL OR

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AND THEREBY PRESENT ITS CASE DIRECTLY TO CONTRACTING PARTIES. NEXT MEETING NOW SCHEDULED IS BUDGET COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG BECAUSE IT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE UN COMMON SYSTEM. IF THAT

ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, EARLY VERIFICATION IS INDICATED SO
AS TO PERMIT US TO TAKE EARLY STEPS TO DERAIL IT WITHOUT
DIRECT CONFRONTATION. SINCE PROBLEM IS GENUINE,
WE SHOULD BE INFORMED OF ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS THAT CAN BE
PRESENTED. SORENSON

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